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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment received November 3, 2004. In accordance with the amendment, claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended. The amendments to the abstract and specification have been acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the relevant prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest the amendment, which adds the limitations including a corrugated channel having a cross-sectional area that varies along the longitudinal direction of the channel, and the cross-sectional area of the wide sections being greater than the cross-sectional area of the narrow sections. The closest prior art of record (Milanowski et al. U.S.P. No. 6,201,922, Palmer U.S.P. No. 5,495,364) teach the general state of the art, but do not teach or reasonably suggest the specific amendments including the above discussed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J Petkovsek whose telephone number is (571) 272-2355. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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